

Celebration of the Eucharist

First Sunday of Advent

4:30 PM Mass



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 3rd, 2023

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN

“Even So Come”

All of creation all of the Earth
Make straight a highway
A path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call every sinner wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

**Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King We Sing**

**Even so come
Lord Jesus come**

There will be justice all will be new
Your Name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

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GREETING

PENITENTIAL RITE/CONFITEOR

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80

R: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power,
and come to save us. **R:**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **R:**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name. **R:**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION- ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all

things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

During this part of the Mass, we give thanks to God for our many blessings and bring gifts to the Altar. This is also the time of the Mass reserved to make our weekly donation. For your convenience, you can scan the QR code provided here for our new online giving platform, PushPay. Thank you for your generosity.



“Purify”

In the wilderness, prepare a way
In the dessert, Your path made straight
Every valley high
Every mountain low

As we come to You, let us see Your face
In Your mercy, we shall be saved
Our hearts are restless
Until they rest in you

Purify our hearts

As we wait upon your coming, Lord

Purify our hearts

As we wait for you, as we wait for you

Now we come in faithfulness
Forever endures Your goodness
So we shout for joy
Your Kingdom is drawing near

Come Lord Jesus Our Messiah
How we long for You
Holy Spirit set a fire
Make our hearts anew

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

AMEN

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

When receiving Communion, please bow reverently and say amen when receiving both the body and blood of Christ. After you receive Communion, please return to your pew to pray in thanksgiving.

“Here Again”

Can't go back to the beginning
Can't control
What tomorrow will bring
But I know here in the middle
Is the place Where You promise to be

**I'm not enough
Unless You come
Will You meet me here again
Cause all I want
Is all You are
Will You meet me here again**

As I walk now through the valley
Let Your love rise above every fear
Like the sun shaping the shadow
In my weakness Your glory appears

Not for a minute was I forsaken
The Lord is in this place
The Lord is in this place
Come Holy Spirit
Dry bones awaken
The Lord is in this place
The Lord is in this place

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

“Heaven Fall Down”

Open our eyes Lord let us see
All that You are all that You mean
Open our ears Lord let us hear
All that You are be loud and clear
Please be near

As our praises rise
May Your presence fall

Heaven Heaven fall down
Spirit Spirit pour out
On us all now
Heaven fall down

Come Jesus come come like the wind
Fill up this place, we welcome You in
Come Jesus come come like the rain
Open the sky show us Your face
Oh Lord we wait

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